

TRAFFIC ENGINEER STARTS INQUIRY IN CAR SERVICE

John A. Beeler, expert traffic engineer of New York, is in Washington today to solve the street traffic problem.

Immediately upon his arrival Mr. Beeler went into conference with the Public Utilities Commissioners. At the conference the immediate course of action that Mr. Beeler and his assistants will pursue will be discussed. "I am unable to say just what the first steps will be," said Mr. Beeler today. "For the first few days we are going to look over the ground thoroughly. The complaints will be investigated from the bottom up. After the holidays work toward relieving the situation will commence."

Public Hearing Later.
The traffic experts are at present working in the offices of the Public Utilities Commission. More suitable quarters for them will be provided as soon as possible.

There will doubtless be a public hearing as soon as the experts have gathered their preliminary data. At this hearing citizens' associations and private citizens will have an opportunity to present their complaints and suggestions.

The suggestion of Commissioner Brownlow that it might be a good plan to change the opening hours of the Government departments may be acted upon. This, the Commissioner points out, would relieve the early morning congestion on the street cars.

Solved Problem in Boston.
Mr. Beeler comes highly recommended by several municipal organizations. He has recently done work for the utilities commission of Boston that greatly relieved the street traffic conditions there.
His assistants are A. M. Duck, street railway and electrical engineer; W. M. Casey, traffic expert; E. A. Roberts, electrical engineer and traffic expert; and M. E. Wood, chief clerk of the party. John Fox, another expert, is expected to join the party in Washington in a few days.

ALL VISITORS HONEST, BUT HE IS SHY GLOVES

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—"Feloniously stolen, taken and carried away, right in the office of the clerk of the court. It can't be possible!"

Grogan, John A., clerk of the recorder's court, looked over his spectacles and made this speech. He surveyed the top of the table in his office again to make sure he was not mistaken.

"What's the matter, John?" asked Judge Connolly.

"Those fur gloves my son gave me last Christmas were on that table a little while ago, and now they're gone, your honor," replied Grogan.

"Well," said the judge.

"And the only visitors I have had this morning are two alarm-men, two newspaper men, and a dozen lawyers," groaned Grogan. "All honest men, all honest men," he repeated hopefully.

DENY GERMAN INTRIGUE IN PORTUGUESE REVOLT

Denial that German intrigue played any part in the deposing and subsequent exile of President Machado, of Portugal, was made in a cablegram received today by Viscount d'Almeida, Portuguese minister, from the Lisbon foreign office.

Machado's overthrow was the direct result of internal political differences, the cable stated.

The administration of the affairs of Portugal's expeditionary force of about 50,000 men on the west front will be in no wise impaired by the disorganization at home, the legation announced.

JUDGE AND POLICEMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON

MATIS LANDING, N. J., Dec. 18.—Magistrate Wilbur Speece and his constables, Daniel Hoff and Harry Burris, have been sentenced to State prison for wrongfully arresting and extorting fines from automobilists.

Sentence on the constables was suspended. Speece will appeal.

Christmas Present for Each U. S. Soldier Has Reached European Port

A Christmas present for each man in the American army in France has arrived at a European port, it was announced by the War Department today. These packages having been going forward for several weeks, and now all is in readiness for General Pershing and his assistants to play Santa Claus for their soldiers.

The number of men in France, likewise the number of packages, is military information valuable to the enemy, but it is stated that if the presents sent to France were put end to end they would form a continuous line from Washington to New York.

"MOTHER" CROWN TO RESERVE FINEST DOLL FOR ORPHAN

She was just a tiny girl. Her bed in the dormitory was near the window. The snow had whitened everything in sight, and as she looked out the window she could see a lone star, shimmering in the cold light through the drifting clouds. It made her think of the story she had been reading, "A Child's Dream of a Star." She derived a certain amount of happiness from her thoughts. She likened herself to the little girl of the story.

For last night she had a dream. It was all about a beautiful lady who had masses of yellow hair just like her own. This beautiful lady had brought her a doll. It was the most wonderful doll in the world, to little Mildred Taylor, of the Episcopal Home for Children, in Anacostia. She told the lady in charge of the home about her dream.

She'll Get the Doll.
And maybe it was the star—who can say?—who told Mrs. Sallie A. Crown, "Mother" Crown, of the Department of Commerce, about little eight-year-old Mildred's dream.

At any rate, when Mother Crown's annual doll show opens in room 413 of the Commerce building, at noon Thursday, the most beautiful doll in the show is going to have a big sign on it—"Reserved."

And "Mother Crown" is going to find some beautiful lady with hair like Mildred's and ask her to take this doll and make the dream come true.

Thursday will be the seventeenth anniversary of Mother Crown's doll show. Mrs. Crown, matron in charge of the girls' rest room in the building that houses the Department of Commerce, conceived the idea seventeen years ago. Let her tell the story.

Idea Proves Success.
"It seemed to me," said Mother Crown, "that all these women around here were nothing but little girls grown up. I don't care how old a woman gets, she's always interested in dolls and doll clothes. So I thought I might be able to do some good for charity by a doll show. The girls proved my theory and the first show was a success."

"Funny, isn't it, how girls can be reached through that appeal to their childhood?"

GERMANS TO EAT DIRT AS FOOD SUBSTITUTE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—In their frantic search for new food substitutes Germans have made the discovery that so-called edible earth exists in many parts of Germany, and learned professors have lost no time in making it known that the eating of earth is by no means confined to certain savage tribes of New Guinea and South America. It was a highly esteemed delicacy, they say, during the Thirty Years' War, and also in the "lean years" between 1719 and 1723.

Layers of edible earth, it is stated, have been located on the moors of Luneburg, near Koenigsberg, in the valley of the lower Vistula and in the Grand Duchy of Hesse, while the Austrians, it is announced, have their own deposits of edible earth near Eger and Franzensbad, in Bohemia.

GIVE —AN— Edison Diamond Disc- Phonograph

Don't make selection until you hear this instrument. It is the crowning achievement of Edison's effort to secure perfect reproduction of sound. —You hear the wonderful voices of the world's greatest artists reproduced with all the unblemished art of the original—with absolute fidelity by the marvelous Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph.

The Gibson Co. Inc., 917 G St.

PEOPLES

SAVE YOUR COUNTRY BY SERVICE BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Suitable Gifts For "Her"

Perfume Atomizers

They are efficient and economical for applying extracts and toilet waters. A special lot with French frost style bottles; metal tops; perfect rubber bulbs.

De Villiers Perfumers, 48c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Duchenne Lilac Vegetal, an ideal preparation for the hair, and frequently used after shaving. 75c

Melba Toilet Waters, 4-oz. bottles; all odors; choice. \$1.00

Merilal La Perle Toilet Waters, Southern Rose, Crab Apple Blossom, Lilac or Violet, in a fancy frosted bottle. 75c

Merilal Extracts, all the popular floral odors, in a frosted bottle. 29c, 59c

Hudson's Extracts. 50c

Hudson's Toilet Waters. \$1.00 and \$1.85

Piver's Anise, Florysme and Le Trefle Extract. \$1.89

Piver's Vegetal. \$1.10

Houbigant's Ideal Extract, in cut glass bottles; 1 oz. \$4.98

Houbigant's Ideal Toilet Water, original bottles. \$4.59

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Suitable Gifts For "Him"

Genco Guaranteed Razors

—made by Geneva Cutlery Co., New York. Not a safety, but an old style hollow ground. So unusual are the quality and finish of the Genco Razors that they are highly recommended by skilled barbers—

\$1 to \$3

Geneva Razors, brand-new stock; not seconds nor drummers' samples; every razor guaranteed perfect or money back, Choice. 97c

3c Durham Demonstrator Razor, with one blade. 15c

Durham Double Safety Razor (No. 8 style), in leather holder. 89c

Durham Duplex (Uncle Sam Kit), an olive drab canvas waterproof folder, with pockets for other requisites; complete with razor and six blades. 89c

50c Durham Duplex. Blades, 5 in package. 39c

25c Gem Blades, seven in package. 28c

Ever-Ready Blades, six in package. 25c

Give Him a Gillette for Xmas

\$5.00 Gillette Safety Razor, complete with blades. \$3.98

\$6.50 Gillette Safety Razor Set, with blades, soap, and brush. \$5.35

50c Gillette Blades, 6 in package. 39c

1.00 Gillette Blades, 12 in package. 75c

\$2.00 Auto-Stripper Razor, complete with blades, travel mirror and strap, in a handsome leather folder. \$3.98

50c Auto-Stripper Blades (six). 40c

Penn Safety Razor, complete with blades. \$1.00

\$2.00 Sterling Stripper; will hold safety or old style razors and will save many times its cost in a year. Our price. 98c

\$2.50 Kanner's Slide-Stroke Stripper; will sharpen any style razor in a few seconds; one of the most perfect machines. \$2.29

Invented having brushes, of well-known make and guaranteed not to shed. 29c to \$2.49

SHAVING SETS

Having Stand, with mirror, mug and brush; an excellent gift for any man that shaves himself. \$2.98 and \$3.19

Climbing Monkeys, give wonderful amusement. 29c

Tinkertoys, the wonder builder. 45c

Paper House, made especially for under your tree. 10c

\$2.50 Kitchen Sets

Six pieces, made of the best steel (Sheffield). A suitable gift for the home. \$1.98

\$2.50 Carving Set—three pieces. Ever-Edge make; will be appreciated Christmas day if you make the head of the house this gift. \$1.98

\$4 Aluminum Coffee Pot

The wizard of all coffee makers; five-cup size. \$1.49

Blocks Chocolates, Pound, 80c to \$1.50

Hershey's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. can 15c; 2 for 27c

\$4.00 Webster's New Supreme Dictionary. \$1.50

People's price. \$1.50

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Murado, Xmas Packages, 100. \$1.40

Melachro, No. 9. \$1.40

Xmas Packages, 100. \$1.40

Genuine American Thermos

will keep liquids hot 24 hours; cold, 48 hours. An excellent gift for any one. \$2.00, \$2.25

Half Pint. \$1.75 to \$2.00

Pints. \$2.25 to \$2.50

Quarts. \$2.50 to \$2.75

American Vacuum Bottles—Will keep liquids hot or cold, just as you like them. \$1.50

Pints. \$1.50

Quarts. \$2.00

Thermos Lunch Kits—A metal grip with a pint Thermos Bottle. An ideal gift for the working man or school child. \$3.25

Dolls, All Kinds, 29c to \$2.49

Assorted Chocolates, Pound, 49c

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CIGARS

La Preferencia Cigars

Box of 25. \$1.65

Box of 50. \$3.10

Box of 100. \$6.20

Pedro-Vegas Cigars

Box of 25. \$1.20

Box of 50. \$2.25

Box of 100. \$4.50

La Suprema Cigars

Box of 25. 93c

Box of 50. 1.86

Box of 100. 3.72

Special Selection Cigars

Box of 10. 37c

Box of 20. 74c